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107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 64

[Report No. 107-311]

To provide for the establishment of the position of Deputy Administrator for Science and Technology of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2001

Mr. EHLERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science

NOVEMBER 30, 2001

Additional sponsors: Mr. UPTON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HOUGHTON, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. BASS, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Ms. HART, Mr. HYDE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. SWEENEY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MATHESON, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BERRY, and Mr. TIBERI

NOVEMBER 30, 2001

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 3, 2001]

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of the position of Deputy

Administrator for Science and Technology of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Science*
 5 *at the Environmental Protection Agency Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *For purposes of this Act—*

8 (1) *the term “Administrator” means the Admin-*
 9 *istrator of the Agency;*

10 (2) *the term “Agency” means the Environmental*
 11 *Protection Agency;*

12 (3) *the term “Deputy” means the Deputy Ad-*
 13 *ministrator for Science and Technology appointed*
 14 *under section 4; and*

15 (4) *the term “research” means research, develop-*
 16 *ment, and demonstration.*

17 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH MISSION OF AGENCY.**

18 *Conducting, sponsoring, and evaluating environ-*
 19 *mental science and technology research shall be a central*
 20 *mission of the Agency. The results of such research shall*
 21 *be used to help initiate, formulate, and carry out the Agen-*
 22 *cy’s agenda, and the Agency shall seek to increase the*
 23 *public’s understanding of environmental science and tech-*

1 nology by making those research results available to the
2 public.

3 **SEC. 4. DEPUTY.**

4 (a) *APPOINTMENT.*—The President shall appoint, by
5 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Deputy
6 Administrator for Science and Technology, who shall co-
7 ordinate and oversee the science and technology activities
8 of the Agency and ensure that Agency decisions are in-
9 formed by the results of appropriate and relevant research.

10 (b) *RESPONSIBILITIES.*—The Deputy shall—

11 (1) provide advice to the Administrator regard-
12 ing science and technology issues and their relation-
13 ship to Agency policies, procedures, and decisions;

14 (2) participate in developing the Agency's stra-
15 tegic plans and policies and review the science and
16 technology aspects of those plans and policies;

17 (3) coordinate the acquisition and compilation of
18 relevant science and technology information available
19 from academic sources, government agencies, and the
20 private sector;

21 (4) develop and oversee guidelines for the dis-
22 semination of research results conducted, sponsored,
23 or cited by the Agency to the public, including his-
24 torically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-

1 *serving institutions, minority communities, and rural*
2 *communities; and*

3 *(5) develop and oversee guidelines for peer review*
4 *of science and technology research.*

5 *(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual appointed under*
6 *subsection (a) shall be a person who has an outstanding*
7 *science and technology background, including research ac-*
8 *complishments, scientific reputation, and public policy ex-*
9 *perience.*

10 *(d) CONSULTATION.—Before appointing an individual*
11 *under subsection (a), the President shall consult with the*
12 *National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of*
13 *Engineering, the Science Advisory Board of the Agency,*
14 *and other appropriate scientific organizations.*

15 *(e) COMPENSATION.—The Deputy shall be com-*
16 *pensated at the rate provided for level III of the Executive*
17 *Schedule pursuant to section 5314 of title 5, United States*
18 *Code.*

19 *(f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 5314 of title*
20 *5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end*
21 *the following:*

22 *“Deputy Administrator for Science and Tech-*
23 *nology of the Environmental Protection Agency.”.*

1 **SEC. 5. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR RESEARCH AND**
2 **DEVELOPMENT.**

3 (a) *TITLE AND TERM.*—*There shall be an Assistant*
4 *Administrator for Research and Development of the Agency,*
5 *who shall also have the title of Chief Scientist of the Agency.*
6 *Appointments to such position made after the date of the*
7 *enactment of this Act shall be for a term of 5 years unless*
8 *sooner removed by the President.*

9 (b) *QUALIFICATIONS.*—*An individual appointed under*
10 *subsection (a) shall be a person who has an outstanding*
11 *science and technology background, including research ac-*
12 *complishments, scientific reputation, and experience in*
13 *leading a research and development organization.*

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